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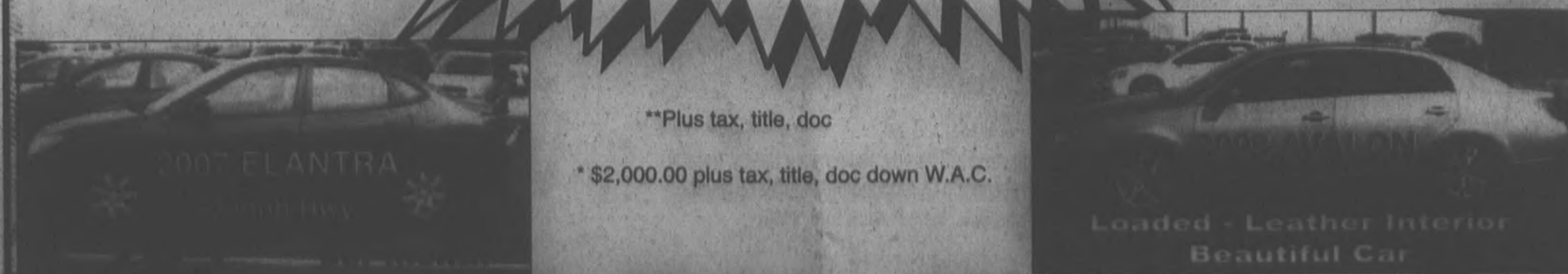
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## City of Elba receives grant to upgrade sewer lift stations

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba Mayor James Grimes announced this week that as part of a continuing effort to flood proof Elba, the city applied for and received FEMA approval for a large grant to upgrade four sewer lift stations and elevate them out of harm's way during a flood or other times of excessive surface water.

The project will cost \$925,800 of which \$713,866 will be the federal match for the project. This includes over \$19,000 for administrative expenses.

The City of Elba will use some in-kind work to fulfill the matching part of the project, according to the mayor.

The project must be started within 90 days of the grant approval and completed by February 28, 2011 if no extensions are granted.

Lift stations involved are #1, at Pea River Bridge, costing \$218,000; #3, off Smith Avenue, costing \$226,000; #8, the Putnam Street pump, costing \$248,600 and #10, on Martin Luther King Drive, costing \$232,600.

The different cost numbers are due to the need for larger pumps and stronger standby generators at some of the locations. Included at each site are submersible pumps, support structure, electric panels, standby generators, switches and insulation, etc.

## Municipal run-off elections held in Elba and New Brockton Lenwood Herron selected as next mayor for Town of New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The municipalities of Elba and New Brockton each held a municipal run-off election on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

In Elba, only voters of District Three were asked to go to the polls and select their representative for the Elba City Council. Vying for the spot were Mike McKee (incumbent) and H.H. Culver.

Culver edged McKee in this race, and will represent District Three. Culver received 63 votes to McKee's 54 votes.

This total included 115 votes cast on Tuesday and two properly submitted absentee ballots. Election officials said a total of five absentee ballots were actually submitted for the runoff election, but only two counted because three of the five ballots were not witnessed or notarized.

The voters of New Brockton chose the town's next mayor on Tuesday. A total of 492 votes were cast in this race (including 37 absentee ballots).

The mayor's race was decided between Lenwood Herron and Rodger Harrison.

With an eight vote difference,

Lenwood Herron was elected by New Brockton voters to be the town's next mayor. Herron received 250 votes while Harrison received 242 votes.

The newly elected municipal officials for Elba, New Brockton and Kinston will take office in November.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coaches highlighted personnel matters approved by Coffee County Board of Education members last Thursday evening, Oct. 2, during the board's regular monthly meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram presented board members with a list of her recommendations in regards to personnel matters, and board members unanimously agreed with her recommendations. Personnel matters approved included:

• Accept the resignation of Daniel Lamb as head baseball coach at New Brockton High School for the 2008-09 school year.

• Employ Jim Bob Striplin as head baseball coach at New Brockton High School for the 2008-09 school year.

• Accept the resignation of James Beas as junior varsity basketball coach at Kinston School.

Support Personnel

In the absence of Mayor Charles Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Herron presided over the meeting.

Council members voted to approve a "tentative" budget for Fiscal Year 2009. Herron said it was decided to approve a tentative budget so the new town council, which takes office in November, can revamp

Now only a month away

## Elba preparing for first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash

by Linda Hodge, Editor

An exciting fun-filled day for the family is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 8, as the Elba Chamber of Commerce along with the City of Elba will sponsor the first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival. The event will be held at Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba, and gates will open at 10 a.m.

Admission is \$5. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Passes in and out will be allowed.

The Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash, sanctioned by the Florida BBQ Association (FBA), is a cook-off event that will feature professional and backyard barbecue contests. Cash prizes will be awarded.

"We are really excited to host this barbecue contest," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Our event has been proclaimed by the governor to be the 2008 FBA Alabama State Championship."

The Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash also is a FBA Triple Crown Contest and will be the last chance for teams to qual-

ify for the FBA 2008 Triple Crown Championship set for Dec. 12-13 in Perry, Fla.

In addition, the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash is a Jack Daniels Qualifier event.

"While the barbecue teams are preparing their best selections for the judges, we've also got lots of other activities planned throughout the day," Whitworth said. "It truly will be a day for the entire family."

The arts and crafts festival will be a great opportunity for everyone to get started with their Christmas shopping as a variety of vendors are expected, and Whitworth said there certainly should be no lack of food.

Several games and activities are being planned for the youngsters, as well as

games for the young-at-heart.

"We've got some exciting entertainment acts lined up for the day," Whitworth said. "And, we're planning to hold a vocal contest that should be very entertaining."

The "Wiregrass Star" is a vocal contest that will be held during the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival.

Anyone can enter this contest. There is a \$25 entry fee, and the winner will be awarded a \$500 cash prize.

A panel of qualified judges will grade participants on the following: quality of performance, originality of performance, "star" quality, stage presence and how well the material reflects the selected music style. The winner will be selected from performances

held during the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash event on Nov. 8, but according to Whitworth, there may be a need for a preliminary round prior to the Nov. 8th event depending upon the number of entries for the contest.

The deadline to enter the "Wiregrass Star" event is Friday, Oct. 24.

Two concerts are planned for the event.

Shane Owens, a country music artist, will perform at 3 p.m. His performance will be followed by the awards ceremony for the BBQ Bash.

The day's events will conclude with a 3-hour concert by the showband Clutch beginning at 6 p.m.

"Clutch is well-known for the band's performances at Breakers in Panama City Beach, Fla., and we are happy to welcome the band to Elba for the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival," said Whitworth.

For more information regarding the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival set for Saturday, Nov. 8, in Elba, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125 or visit the website: [www.elbaalabama.net](http://www.elbaalabama.net).

## Coffee County BOE approves bid for bleacher replacement project at Zion Chapel

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Grant Rita Jackson a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act beginning Aug. 6, 2008 and ending when she is released by her doctor.

Dr. Ingram said an architect's report revealed the need to replace these bleachers. She said this bleacher project will include a concrete slab with grandstand bleachers on top of the concrete.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Ingram, board members voted to declare a couple of painting projects at Kinston and New Brockton as public works projects.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, the superintendent also informed board members that the 20th day for attendance numbers had passed, and the Coffee County School System overall

Chapel. The low bid was submitted by CM Group, LLC of Mobile, Ala. at \$183,684. The bid was approved pending approval from the architect.

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and make changes if necessary. Herron said the tentative budget is a reprint of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. He added that the council needed to approve a tentative budget so the town can legally continue to operate and pay the bills.

Council members also voted Monday evening to approve a resolution to apply for a USDA grant for a garbage truck.

Herron said the town council is looking at the possibility for New Brockton to start its own garbage service for residents. In

order to do this, he said a grant will be needed.

Herron said the USDA only furnishes 35 percent of the start up cost, and the town must match it with 65 percent of the cost.

Town clerk Annette Williams said the town's current garbage service contract will expire in March 2009. At that point, she said the town will either have to rebid the contract or start its own garbage service. She added that indications point towards the cost going up if the

town has to rebid the contract.

Council member Jeff White made a motion with a second from council member Cal Donnia Howard to approve the resolution to submit the application to USDA for the grant. The motion passed unanimously.

White concluded that the council could go ahead and submit the application, and if the new town council does not want to go this way, they can do something different.

Council members addressed a request from Praise and Glory Church for help to install a driveway.

Council member White said he and council members Cal Donnia Howard and Billy Brantley have looked at the area and decided it would be too hazardous to put a driveway where the church is requesting it (on Lee Street). He added, however, if the church members want to consider putting a driveway on John Street, the town would be willing to work with them.

A motion to turn down the request to put a driveway on Lee Street was unanimously approved by council members.

White did ask the town clerk to send a letter or call the church explaining the council's reason for turning down the request. He also asked the clerk to tell them the council will be more than happy to help if they will consider putting the driveway in front of the church.

Based on a recommendation from the planning commission, council members voted to approve a request from a resident to start a mulching mill business on Tyler Street.

Several announcements were made during Monday evening's council meeting, including:

Please See TOWN, Page 11A

## Area Happenings

**THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** continues Friday, Oct. 10, with the Elba Tigers hosting Houston Academy, the New Brockton Gamecocks traveling to Barbour County, the Zion Chapel Rebels traveling to R.C. Hatch, the Kinston Bulldogs traveling to Pleasant Home and the Brantley Bulldogs traveling to McKenzie. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

**THE SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD** will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Main Center located at 19815 Bay Branch Road, Andalusia, Ala.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOME-COMING** Friday, Oct. 17. Festivities will begin with the Coronation at 9:45 a.m. in the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1978 with a tea at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. Lineup for the parade will begin at 1:30 with the parade beginning promptly at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Entries should be listed by calling Jane Moseley at EHS (897-2266). Parade entry deadline is Oct. 10th. The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Samson at 7 p.m.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINICS** will be held Friday, Oct. 24, and Friday, Oct. 31, at the Enterprise Recreation Center, located at 421 E. Lee Street (behind Cutis Restaurant), from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will also be a clinic held Friday, Nov. 7, at the Coffee County Health Department, 2841 Neal Metcalf Rd., Enterprise, Ala., from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Anyone attending the clinics is asked to bring their Medicare card, State Employees Insurance Card, ACTIVE Medicaid Card (full coverage only), or there will be a small fee. For more information call 347-9574.

**LOCAL QUEENS SET TO COMPETE IN LITTLE MISS NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PAGEANT.** Recently while attending a parent orientation and tea, 50 young ladies from 14 counties in 3 states began preparing to compete for the title of Little Miss National Peanut Festival. The pageant will take place on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center. Everyone is invited to plan to attend and cheer for their local representative as she has the time of her life with hopes of being crowned the next Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen. Little Miss area queens from Coffee County, shown with reigning queens, are: Reigning Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen - Reagan Cleveland, Little Miss Coffee County - Addison Nix, Little Miss Elba - Brayton Martin, Little Miss Enterprise - Chloe McClemey, Little Miss New Brockton - Christina Green, Little Miss Zion Chapel - Whitney Senn, and Miss National Peanut Festival - Madison Wester. For a complete calendar of events for the 65th annual National Peanut Festival visit [www.nationalpeanutfestival.com](http://www.nationalpeanutfestival.com).



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

Americans are being bombarded daily with bad economic news. The end (or the bottom) doesn't seem to be there as far as the stock market is concerned. Yet while we are anguishing over these problems . . . and have no idea what to do about them . . . there is another monster lurking out there. A recent study, "Lights Out 2009?", by *NextGen Energy Council* (a non-profit 501-C group) indicates a high risk of an electrical shortage as early as next summer. This could cost as much as tens of billions and even threaten lives, according to the experts. Of course the chance of actual shortages is greater in the Western U.S., but we have seen from the financial mess of today that these problems spread throughout the economy, and fast.

Oh well, if we actually experience the above problem it probably means we survived the ongoing disaster(s).

The American people have some suggestions, for the lawmakers in Washington as they "rescue" those rich guys on Wall Street. A *"man on the street"* survey of what to bail out next turned up these answers: Oak Street (42%), First Street (31%), Bourbon Street (15%) and Tremont Street (12%). In other words we are still hearing cries for help from the millions of people on the streets . . . those who will ultimately pay the bill for all these bail outs . . .oops, we mean temporary help outs.

The Elba High School band "did good" at the band contest in Andalusia last weekend. We salute these young folks on their success and on the dedicated, hard work necessary to get there.

These band students hopefully have the incentive to stay in school and not become a dropout. Indications are that of those in California who dropped out in 2004, one third of them were still not doing a cotton picking thing in 2006. Not working, not back in school . . . nothing. A larger study indicated that nationwide the figure is 30% doing nothing four years after leaving school. We wonder how they eat? Some are in jail, some are married and their spouse works, but what about all the others? It is troubling.

A Baptist preacher friend was showing off his grandchildren in a local restaurant Sunday and we have to new comebacks to share. The glow in his face was real and we are ashamed to say it made us a bit jealous. Catch up is this weekend as we visit with our grands for a few hours. It will not be like having them here all the time, but grand it will be! Take that preacher friend!!!!

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 29, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for burglary, two for a dog bite, three for theft of property, one for harassing communications, one for domestic violence, one for stalking, one for criminal mischief, one for harassment and one for a broken window.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for menacing and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for failure to display insurance, three for a suspended driver's license, three for an expired tag, one for an expired driver's license, two for no insurance, one for no tag, three for not wearing a seat belt, five for speeding and one for a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Brunson Trailer Park (8:33 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:27 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Fox Dr. (6:50 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to Taylor Mill Rd. (5:49 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 951 Neil

Grantham Dr. (7:23 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on Taylor Mill Rd. (2:26 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1224 Route Ave. (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Burger King (8:26 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 678 Lee St. (3:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (6:17 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3** - Disturbance reported in the area of Jones and Martin Luther King Dr. (8:13 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 320 Old Samson Rd. (11:36 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 340 Larkin Rd. (10:38 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at a house near the Hickory Pit (12:55 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5** - Disturbance (noise) reported at the Riviera Motel (11:39 p.m.).

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Brunson Trailer Park (8:33 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:27 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Brunson Trailer Park (8:33 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:27 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Brunson Trailer Park (8:33 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:27 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Brunson Trailer Park (8:33 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:27 p.m.).

## Elba Marching Tiger Band shines at contest

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As if participating in the contest was not stressful enough, the Elba Marching Tiger Band had to overcome more than nerves last Saturday evening, Oct. 4, at the A-Town Invitational contest in Andalusia, Ala.

When all was said and done, however, I thought the band members did an excellent job in representing themselves, Elba City Schools and the City of Elba.

Competing in contests is not new for the band, but the circumstances the band faced last Saturday evening were a bit unusual.

The band members had made

their way to the sidelines of the field, and the announcer had just introduced them to the spectators when all of a sudden darkness overcame the field. Who knows exactly what happened, but it was lights out on the group of already anxious teenagers.

I can remember how nervous I would always be just prior to taking the field at competition, so, I can only imagine what it must have felt like to have the lights go out on you at just the moment you're prepared to take the field.

Moments later, the band was allowed to move to the endzone to wait out the light failure, and I wondered if it would affect

their performance. It was nearly 30 minutes later before the stadium lights came back on, or should I say before some of the stadium lights came back on.

The band returned to the sidelines and took the field for competition. I must admit that I was a bit agitated that Elba's band and those to follow were forced to perform with only partial lighting, but that apparently didn't bother the Elba Marching Tigers.

The band took the field and delivered one of the best performances I've seen from them all season long. I know it is a bit cheesy to say, but the band "shined brightly through the darkness."

Way to go Elba Marching Tiger Band, and good luck with the remainder of your season!

Nearly three hours later, everyone's hopes were confirmed as the awards ceremony revealed that the judges also had found the performance of the Elba Marching Tiger Band to be superior. The drum major, majorettes, dance line, color guard, percussion and band all made ones, and the icing on the cake came with the "Best in Class" awards for the color guard, dance line, percussion and band.

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The Elba Marching Tiger Band overcame an unexpected obstacle last Saturday, Oct. 4, to deliver a superior performance at the A-Town Invitational band contest held in Andalusia, Ala. While the band members were "all business" for the contest, their show does allow for a bit of fun as they "do a little dance" in the final song of the show.

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• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
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• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri, 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-3638  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Falls, Enterprise  
• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 3rd Thursday at 5 P.M. - the PBO office at the Airport  
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room  
• **NEW SEAGARD STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
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**FINGERPRINTING PARTNERSHIP**...Over 800,000 children are reported missing each year, that's over 2,000 children per day. Because of these alarming statistics, Tim and Lisa Johnson of H & R Block have partnered with the Coffee County Schools for the third year consecutive year to provide KinderPrint Child Identification Kits to the incoming kindergarten students. Students, with parent permission, were fingerprinted with the assistance of Jeff Lee of Troy University and members of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. These kits were then given to the parents so that a photo, DNA, and dental records could be added. The Coffee County Schools' staff thanks the parents for their cooperation. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for their donation, and Mr. Lee and the Sheriff's Department for their assistance. Above, Mrs. Mobley, New Brockton Elementary kindergarten teacher, explains to Michael the fingerprinting process.

**DAV Chapter forming in Coffee County**  
A group of American disabled veterans has asked for a Charter with the The Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV).

The name of the chapter will be Coffee County DAV Chapter in New Brockton, AL. Coffee County DAV Chapter is actively seeking new members. The DAV assist veterans to apply for Veteran Administration benefits, counseling on benefits, disaster relief, transportation of veterans to veteran hospitals and many more benefits FREE of charge to veterans.

A general membership drive and informal gathering will be held Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the New Brockton City Hall. Refreshments will be available for veterans and their families. A briefing will be conducted explaining veteran benefits, DAV benefits and introduction of other DAV members. For additional information, phone Willie Byrom, 475-3923 or Don Smith, 894-9227.

**LBWCC enrollment continues to increase**  
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College student enrollment has reached another milestone, almost 1700 credit-hour students.

Fall semester enrollment has increased five percent over 2007 Fall semester numbers. In this time of double-digit tuition increases at Alabama's four-year institutions, it is obvious students understand the opportunities LBW Community College provides.

Transfer students, by attending LBWCC their freshman and sophomore years, can trim thousands of dollars off their student costs by living and working at home.

LBWCC Interim President, Mr. L. Wayne Bennett said, "I am pleased but not surprised at this record enrollment. This is what we planned for, worked for and expected."

Ms. Peggy Linton, Dean of Instruction, stated, "LBW Community College has experienced continued growth in the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science transfer programs as well as in career programs. A total of 74 students have enrolled in the nursing programs with 34 in Associate Degree Nursing and

Early registration for the 2009 Spring Semester will be Nov. 18, 2008 at all LBWCC sites. Regular registration will be Jan. 6, 2009 on the MacArthur Campus and Jan. 7, 2009 on the Andalusia Campus and the Luverne Center.

For more information regarding LBW Community College programs or registration contact: Peggy Linton, Dean of Instruction, at 334-493-5337, Dr. Jim Krudop, Greenville Campus Director, at 334-383-6711, or Judy Hall, Acting Dean for Student Affairs, at 334-493-5364 on the MacArthur Campus, or 334-881-2245 on the Andalusia Campus.

**Mrs. Elma Hammonds**  
Nov. 14, 1917 - Sept. 12, 2008



Elma Hammonds departed this life on Sept. 12, 2008, at her home in Elba, Ala., after a long, productive and fulfilling life. A native of Dozier, Ala., Mrs. Hammonds was married for 72 years to the late Mr. Sethelo T. Hammonds and to their union were born eight children. Mrs. Hammonds leaves to cherish her memory one brother, seven children, 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

**Thank You**  
The family of Mrs. Hammonds extends sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many wonderful expressions of love and caring during the death of our loved one.

May God bless and keep you.

## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at [www.elba\\_clipper.com](http://www.elba_clipper.com)

## EVA MAE FLOWERS

Mrs. Eva Mae Flowers, age 89, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008, at the Enterprise Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2008 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., with Rev. Ruben McKinnon officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Calvary Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Whitewater Baptist Church to observe Homecoming on October 12th

Whitewater Baptist Church, 4301 Highway 125, Elba, will observe Homecoming on Sunday, October 12. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with dinner on the grounds. Mack King will bring the message, and Fred Malloy will lead the music. There will be great preaching, great music, and delicious food in abundance. The music will feature

## ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

October 13-17, 2008

**BREAKFAST**  
Monday - Fall Intercession Tuesday - Fall Intercession Wednesday - Breakfast Bagel, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Biscuit w/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Homecoming 2008 Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

**LUNCH**  
Monday - Fall Intercession Tuesday - Fall Intercession Wednesday - Corned, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, 1/2 Orange, Milk Thursday - Burrito w/Cheese, Rice, Green Beans, Salsa, Sliced Peaches, Milk Friday - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Potato Chips, Raisins, Apple, Milk Students will be dismissed at 12:00 after lunch is served

**WOSHAP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS AND EVERY SUNDAY!**



**IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN**

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
SAMSON, Ala.  
Rev. Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor  
Morn. Worship.....9:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Danny Bynum, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. David Caldwell, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Dr. Dye Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Tom Seem, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**CHESNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Martha Bester  
Church Service.....9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
Rev. R. Hill, Minister  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rev. Mart Gray, Pastor  
Morn. Worship.....9:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities.....6:00 p.m.

soloists Keith Bell, Becca Hodge, Fred Malloy, and Hattie White; an instrumental duo by Judy Fuller, pianist, and Lisa Stinson, organist; and songs by both the adult and children choirs. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 897-2452.

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church to host gospel singing October 11th**

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixon's Crossroads, will hold a gospel singing on October 11, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. Featured will be The Broken Strings. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Chestnut Grove UMC to host The Gospel Messengers**

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 18, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Gospel Messengers from LaGrange, Georgia. For more information contact Gus Grant (334) 897-6793, or 465-5555, or call Bill Daughtry (334) 735-2010.

**Elba City School's Child Find program underway**

The Elba City School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities; age 3-21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting.

If you are the parent of a child with disabilities, or know of someone who is disabled, please contact the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Elba City Board of Education at 897-2801 ext. 226.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Got something to sell? Try an Elba Clipper Classified. You'll be glad you did!

## Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 20

**THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:** Glenzie Pearl Cox, Rev. Roderick Rideaux, Susie Ruffin, Annie C. Glasco, Willie Hamilton, Ernest Paul Belcher, Lovie Hooks, Charlene Daniels

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:** Robert Edwards Sr. October 6, Jasmine Wright October 6, Effie Johnson October 9, Juanita Robinson October 9, Peaches Jackson October 10, Frances Allen October 5, Mary Jane Cooks October 10, Danny Belcher Sr. October 12, Jimmie Daniels October 12

**THE 73<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE ALABAMA STATE SHAPES SINGING CONVENTION** will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Ala. on Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thomas Brooks is President.

**PASTOR STANLEY WOOD-FOLK** of Charlottesville, VA visited friends in Elba and Enterprise recently. He is pastor of

**New Ebenezer Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming Sunday, November 2nd**

New Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 3132 Hwy 141 (Curtis Community), Elba, AL will celebrate Homecoming Services. Sunday, Nov. 02, 2009. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship begins at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker for the worship service will be former pastor Rev. Alfred Ikner. A covered dish lunch will be served.

**Greater Springfield will have Senior Choir Day on October 12**

Greater Springfield Senior Choir Day will be held Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 3 p.m. Rev. Danny O. Cawley is the pastor. All churches are invited. For more information contact Gayle White at (334) 308-9829.

Evergreen Ministries, Charlottesville, VA. Pastor Stanley visited Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba during Auxiliary Week. Rev. A.R. Williams is pastor of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church.

**THE 145<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY** of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Glenwood, Alabama will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 2 p.m.

**THE 8<sup>TH</sup> PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY** honoring Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Fleming, Pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama will be held Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Lovell Martin, pastor of Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

**Faith Assembly of God to hold revival services in Enterprise on October 16-19**

Faith Assembly of God will hold revival services on October 16-19, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 19 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be veteran missionary and revivalist Rev.

**4th Annual Claybank Gospel Music Jubilee's Tri-State Gospel Music Fanfair set**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Claybank Gospel Music Jubilee's Tri-State Gospel Music Fanfair will be held Friday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Spotlight Showcase to be held at 1:00 p.m. and the main program at 6:00 p.m. at Ozark Praise and Worship located at 185 Bermuda St. (Hwy. 27) in Ozark, Ala. Over 35 artists from the Tri-State area to appear at the 2-day event. There will be no charge but an offering will be received. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Naomi and the Segos to be in concert at Elba Church of God on Saturday, October 11th**

Naomi and the Segos will be singing at the Elba Church of God on Saturday October 11, at 7:00 PM.

**Center Point Community Church will host Fall Festival October 18th**

Center Point Community Church, located at 3352 Lynn Road, Enterprise, Ala. (off Rucker Blvd.) will be hosting a Fall Festival on October 18, 2008 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Events will include a dunking booth, pie eating contest, inflatables, cake walk, crafts, and

## First Assembly of God to hold "Homecoming 2008" October 12

First Assembly of God will hold "Homecoming 2008" on October 12, 2008 and will feature the Sammy Glass Family. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served in the Family Life Center around noon.

There will be no evening service. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Homecoming Services planned at Haw Hill Assembly of God**

Haw Hill Assembly of God will hold homecoming services on Sunday, October 12, 2008. The guest speaker will be Rev.

**Siran Stacy to share his message at the Basin Baptist Church in Elba on Sunday October 19th**

Siran Stacy, a former University of Alabama running back who also played in the NFL for the Philadelphia Eagles, the Canadian Football League for the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the NFL Europe for the Scottish Claymores, will share his message of grace and survival during difficult times Sunday, Oct. 19, at Basin Baptist Church. Stacy will speak during the evening service beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Stacy played at the University of Alabama from 1989-1991. He was a two-year starter and two-time All-SEC performer in 1989 and 1991. He was a second-round pick of the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1992 NFL player draft and played

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**FALL Church Directory**

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Rev. Roy L. Taylor, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morn. Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

**NEWBORN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Wayne Webber  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Elmer Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**PRASE & GLORY WOSHUP CHURCH**  
Betty Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays.....6:00 p.m.

**ROCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME**  
Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Rev. Lamar Dean  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY THE CHURCH OF GOD**  
Rev. Jerry Long, Jr. Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

**UNITED LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

## Bill Poole named State Realtor of the Month



Bill E. Poole



Samuel Joseph Gordon

**Samuel Joseph Gordon is one year old**

Samuel Joseph Gordon, the son of Eric and Indya (Lawless) Gordon of Land O Lakes, Fla., celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 4th.

For his big day, Sam's parents took him to see Mickey and his friends at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They spent the weekend at the All-Star Sports Resort and visited the Magic Kingdom.

While at the Magic Kingdom, Sam attended Mickey's "not-so-scary" Halloween party. The birthday boy dressed as a baby lion for Mickey's party.

Friends from Florida and Texas joined Sam for his weekend-long birthday celebration.

Sam's grandparents are John and Lynda Lawless of Elba, David and Susan Rich of Tampa, Fla., and Ross and Pat Gordon of St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Farris Reunion to be held Sunday, October 12th**

The Farris Reunion will be held Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Bethlehem Church for the descendants of Willie and Lossie Wise Farris. A covered

**Greater Essence to sell barbecue Saturday, October 11th at the Elba Rec. Center**

Greater Essence will be selling barbecue plates Saturday, October 11th at the Elba Rec. Center.

Plates will be available from 10:30 until... Proceeds will go for The Miss Bronze Pageant.

**First Baptist of Ivy Gap**  
A Cumberland Playhouse Production



October 9, 2008 • 7:00pm • Elba High School  
Sponsored by Sawyer Surgery Center

**ENTERPRISE**  
• David's West Gate Beauty Shop (406-1617)  
• The Truancy (347-7800)  
• The Printing Press, Inc. (566-3060)

**ELBA**  
• Bradley Florist & Gift Shop (897-3422)  
• FORT RUCKER CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH (897-3422)  
• DOTIEN (The Basket Case) (671-1117)

**NEW BROCKTON** • New Brockton Florist (894-6737)

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts

[www.coffeountyartsalliance.com](http://www.coffeountyartsalliance.com)

Elba native Bill E. Poole of Huntsville, Ala., son of the late Jimmie Lee and Erlene Poole, was recently named as the State Realtor of the Year by the Alabama Association of Realtors. He established Poole Realty of Huntsville in 1973, exclusive serving the commercial real estate market in Huntsville, Madison County and surrounding area.

Poole holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Auburn University, graduating in 1960. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. He is also a graduate of Realtors Institute, NAR Commercial and Investment courses and has attended various seminars and classes.

Poole became a Realtor in 1973 and has served on and chaired most Alabama Association of REALTORS committees. He served as President of AAR in 1990. Poole has also served many years on the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Legislative Committee.

He was appointed to the Alabama Real Estate Commission in 1995 and served until 2007, serving as the chairman for the past seven years. He is the longest serving Chairman in the history of the Real Estate Commission.

Poole is a member of the Huntsville/Madison County Homebuilders Association, as well as a member of the North Alabama Commercial Brokers.

He is also actively involved in several civic organizations including the Huntsville Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Auburn University County Committee, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Valley Hill Country Club, The Ledges Country Club and the Huntsville Hospital Foundation Advisory Board.

Poole is also a golfer and a commercial, instrument-rated pilot. He has one married daughter and three grandchildren.

**C.C. Republican Committee to hold monthly meeting October 9**

The Coffee County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday October 9th at 6 PM at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise.

Everyone is invited. For information call Fay McCrany at 393-047.

**dis lunch will be served at noon in the fellowship building. All families, friends, and neighbors are invited to attend.**

**Applications for vendors being accepted for the "Holidays in the South Bazaar"**

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses' Club and the Enlisted Spouses Organization are accepting applications from vendors interested in participating in the annual "Holidays in the South Bazaar," an arts and crafts event taking place Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Yano Hall on post at Fort Rucker, Ala.

No food items may be sold by vendors. For applications or for more information, call Cindy Cluff at 334-347-1939. Connie Wright at 334-894-0545 or visit the website at [www.ruckeretcc.org](http://www.ruckeretcc.org).

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## Elba High School Class of 1949 to hold Reunion

The Class of 1949 will hold its 59<sup>th</sup> class year reunion on the weekend of Homecoming 2008. Activities will begin Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> with a group picture being made. The class will sit together at the Homecoming game.

On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, a barbecue meal will be served at 11:30 at the house across from Kelley Foods of Alabama on the Lower Curtis Road. This will be attended by classmates and their spouses/guests.

The class had 36 girls and 24 boys. Only 14 girls and 9 boys have been lost in these 59 years. All other members should be looking forward to visiting with the remaining classmates at their reunion 2008.

**The Lee Reunion will be Sunday, October 12th**

The Lee Reunion will be held October 12, 2008 at the Elba Masonic Lodge. All families and friends are invited to attend and enjoy the reunion.

Ethan is the son of Set and Tazzie Ard of Elba, Alabama. His grandparents are Roger and Ann Messer of Elba, Alabama, and Wesley and Lois Ard of Defuniak Springs, Florida. His great-grandparents are Paul and Tazzie Harrison Preston and Geraldine Messer, all of Elba. His grandparents are the late Wilmer Ard of Defuniak Springs, Florida, and the late Raymond and Bertha Spann of Samson, Alabama.

**1998 Class Reunion Reminder**

The Elba High School Class of 1998 is holding its 10-year reunion the weekend of October 17-18, 2008. Contact Anna Head Oggs for more information: email to [cheadann@auburn.edu](mailto:cheadann@auburn.edu); cell phone: (334) 740-2123; office phone: (334) 844-2971; home phone: (334) 826-6503.

**Coffee County Study Club is seeking new members**

The Coffee County Study Club is seeking members for its organization. The Study Club is a non-profit organization that sponsors the Miss Coffee County Pageant, which offers cash scholarships and savings bonds. The pageant is a preliminary to the answer to questions and/or to become a member, call Christ Nelson at (334) 494-0844 or Jackie Wilson (334) 393-5362.

**Annual Boll Weevil Fall Festival to be held October 25th**

The crisp Autumn air will be filled with the scents and sounds of family fun during the Annual Boll Weevil Fall Festival, Saturday, October 25th in Downtown Enterprise. Once again, the heart of the city will be filled with dozens of vendors offering art works, crafts, merchandise, delicious treats and entertainment.

There will be free entertainment throughout the event on the stage near Lee Street.

There will be a costume contest for children with registration at 9:00AM and judging at 10:00AM. Children's activities also include a miniature train ride, pony ride, inflatable's, and a rock climbing wall. There is no admission charge.

A limited number of vendor spaces are available. Applications and information are available at the Chamber office or by visiting [www.enterprisealabama.com](http://www.enterprisealabama.com).

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Deputy Candi Stokes with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department is shown fitting a young man who is autistic with a Project Lifesaver Bracelet. Deputy Stokes will change the batteries in the bracelet at least once a month and will keep a log on the young man. If he were to wander off and get lost, she would be able to track him from a car antenna up to a mile, with a ground antenna for approximately 100 yards, or from a helicopter up to 10 miles. The use of this advanced special rescue technique gives peace of mind to caregivers of individuals with autism, other brain disorders, or those suffering from alzheimers. Anyone who could benefit from this free service, should call Deputy Candi Stokes at the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5555.

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## Fund raiser BBQ set for Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Elba to benefit Birthing Hope

A barbecue fund raiser for Birthing Hope will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Just Folk Coffeehouse from 6-7 p.m. Birthing Hope endeavors to increase maternal health globally through collective wisdom, resources and zeal. For more information regarding Birthing Hope visit the website: [www.birthinghope.wordpress.com](http://www.birthinghope.wordpress.com).

Tickets for the barbecue fund raiser may be purchased at the Covenant Community Church office in downtown Elba. Takeout plates will be available.

Everyone is invited to food and entertainment.

## Arbor Day Foundation offers free give-a-tree cards to new members

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering for the first time two free Give-A-Tree Cards to those who join the Foundation during the month of October.

Every Give-A-Tree Card honors the recipient with a tree planted in one of our nation's forests. At the same time, Give-A-Tree Cards help the environment by replanting trees in a forest that has been devastated by disease and record wildfires.

On the inside, each card is inscribed: "In your honor, a tree has been planted in a National Forest." Each tree planted will give life back to the forest, provide food and habitat for wildlife, help clean the air, and protect water supplies.

"Just by sending loved ones and people you care about Give-A-Tree Cards, people can make a big difference in the world today," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Give-A-Tree Cards are helping to bring life back to our nation's forests."

The cards will be sent to new members in time for the holidays.

To receive two free Give-A-Tree Cards, send a \$10 membership contribution to Give-A-Tree Cards, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Oct. 31, 2008. People can also join the Foundation online at [www.arborday.org/give](http://www.arborday.org/give).



Bill Goolsby, Hope Curry, Mary Windom, Judge Bill Thompson, Twinkle Cavanaugh and Beth Kellum visited Elba on Friday, Sept. 26.

## Several Republican candidates visit Elba with bus tour

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 26, the Hometown Connection Bus Tour with several Republican candidates made a stop at the Coffee County Courthouse in downtown Elba.

Along on the tour were Twinkle Cavanaugh, seeking office as Public Service Commission President; Mary Windom, seeking election to the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2; Beth Kellum, candidate for the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1; and Judge Bill Thompson, seeking re-election to Court of Civil Appeals, Place 1. Judge Greg Shaw, seeking election to the Alabama Supreme Court, was not available due to family obligations.

While in Elba, candidates made their way through the courthouse asking several citizens and employees for their vote in the upcoming General

Election in November.

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were traveling to Enterprise and would then finish out the day with a stop in Ozark at the Dale County Courthouse.

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Banks are equipped to handle economic shifts. Banks have significant capital, or a rainy-day fund, on reserve for tough economic times. This is a bank's first line of defense to cover any losses.

No customer has ever lost a penny in insured deposits. The FDIC protects consumers from losing their money if their FDIC-insured bank fails. Even better, the agency has temporarily raised its coverage amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000 through December 31, 2009. There are legal and

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The majority of banks are healthy. Most banks have been around for decades and are likely to be around for many more. Troy Bank & Trust was established in 1906 and is stronger than ever. As stated by the Alabama Superintendent of Banks, John Harrison, there has not been a bank failure in the state of Alabama for 21 years and we do not anticipate any failures for years to come.

For more information on the safety and soundness of the industry or Troy Bank & Trust, visit the FDIC website at [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov) or call TB&T at 566-4000, or 888-258-8769.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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The brochure, "Historic Alabama: A Guide to Landmarks and Events," gives readers insight into the history of some 163 towns and cities across the state, and features more than 700 museums, events and historically significant sites, from north Alabama to the Gulf Coast. Old Alabama Town in Montgomery is featured on the front cover while the back cover depicts a scene from the "Miracle Worker" at Helen Keller's birthplace in Tusculum.

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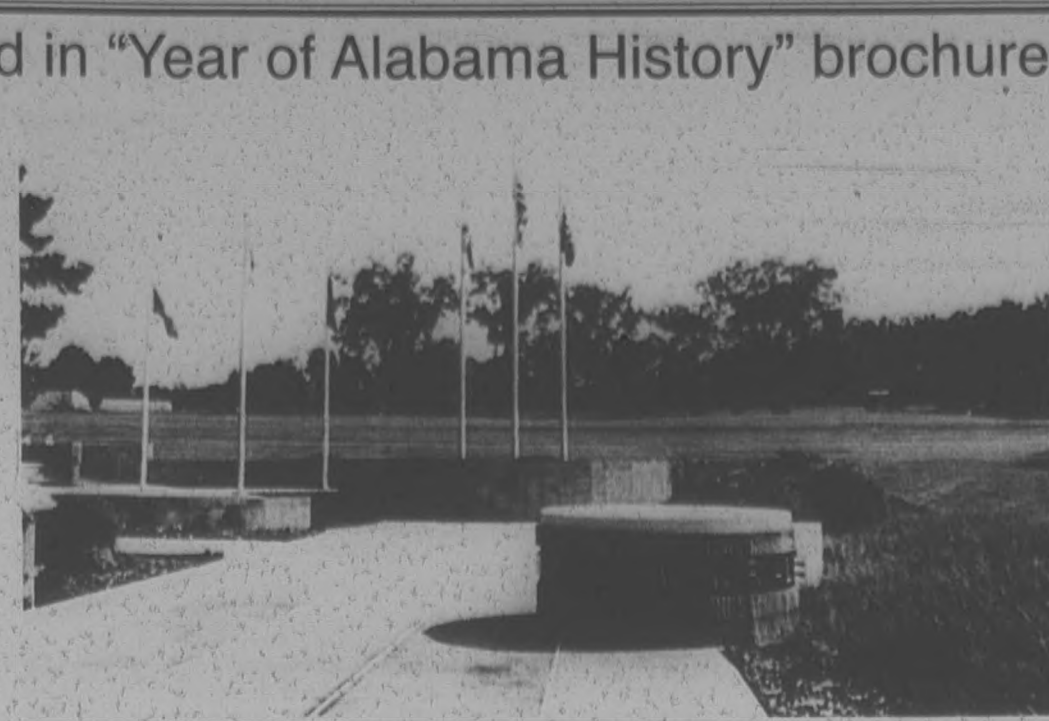
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Elba's Veterans Memorial Park

Some 200,000 copies of "Historic Alabama" have been produced for distribution through the state's welcome centers, convention bureaus and tourism destinations. In addition to the booklet, the campaign promotion includes a commemorative low-cost history book produced by the Birmingham News.

Special emphasis is also being placed on historic attractions and museums in the 2009 Alabama Vacation Guide. A companion piece to the vacation guide, the 2009 Alabama

Calendar of Events, will highlight more than 1,600 history-related events and festivals.

The "Year of Alabama History" is the sixth in a series of award-winning marketing campaigns designed to attract tourists to the state's destinations. For more information visit the Alabama Tourism Department Web site, [www.alabama.travel](http://www.alabama.travel) or call 1.800.ALABAMA (252.2262).

A special "Year of Alabama History" Web site will be available for viewing beginning November 1st.

Diabetes workshop and cooking school planned for Oct. 20th, in New Brockton

Coffee County Extension staff and Southeast Regional Extension Agent will be conducting a diabetes workshop and cooking school in the Coffee County Extension Office kitchen, New Brockton, AL.

The date of the event is Monday, October 20, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Alabama currently ranks #2 in the nation for diabetes. It is at epidemic proportion in both adults and children.

The workshop will provide current research based information and facts to participants on understanding and controlling diabetes, and how physical activity positively impacts the disease through weight reduction and in helping the body better utilize glucose.

The Cooking School portion of the program includes the preparation of several dishes. Registration for this workshop will include a small fee which

covers lunch and handouts including recipes of prepared dishes and a free Diabetic Cookbook for each participant.

To register, call the Coffee County Extension Office at (334) 894-5596. The registration fee may be paid at the registration desk on the day of the workshop.

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# SPORTS

In important region match-up

## Elba Tigers can't escape the coop, fall to Gamecocks 17-7

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers continued their mid-season struggles against region opponents Friday night with a stunning 17-7 loss to the New Brockton Gamecocks, in front of a packed Gamecock Stadium, in New Brockton.

Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at its own 45-yardline following a New Brockton punt and promptly began a drive toward the Gamecock goal line. Carlos Matias gained 47 yards on 4 carries to help the Tigers reach a first down at the New Brockton 3-yardline. However, two running plays failed to move the ball any closer and after a five-yard penalty backed the ball up to the New Brockton 8, the Tigers misfired on a 26-yard field-goal attempt and saw an early scoring opportunity go by the board.

New Brockton moved the chains on its second offensive series, but then saw disaster strike as Elba linebacker Colton Vaughan jarred the ball loose from the Gamecock quarterback and Tiger teammate Gavin Respress scooped up the fumble and raced 18 yards into the endzone. Richard Cooks added the extra-point and with 3:52 remaining in the first quarter Elba was on top 7-0.

Elba was forced to kick off from its own 20-yardline after a pair of penalties and New Brockton took advantage of the deep kickoff to begin its ensuing possession near midfield. The Gamecocks used the running of Tevin McNair and a 15-yard penalty against the Tigers to reach a first down at the Elba 26-yardline, and New Brockton got on the scoreboard when fourth down Kyle Roehler booted a 41-yard field-goal as the Gamecocks pulled within 7-3 with 1:10 remaining in the opening quarter.

New Brockton began its next possession at the Elba 37-yardline after a fumble on the kickoff and this time reached the endzone, as the Gamecocks needed only two plays to cover the distance to the endzone. A 15-yard penalty against Elba aided the short scoring drive, and it was Tevin McNair that scored the touchdown on a 12-yard dash up the middle. Roehler kicked the extra-point and with 39-seconds remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks owned a 10-7 advantage.

Elba put the ball in play at its

own 46-yardline after fielding a short kickoff and behind the running of Carlos Matias began another march toward the New Brockton goal line. Matias gained 42 yards on 3 carries to help the Tigers reach a first down at the New Brockton 14-yardline. However, the Tigers turned the ball over on a fumble on the next play as they again failed to cash in on an excellent scoring opportunity.

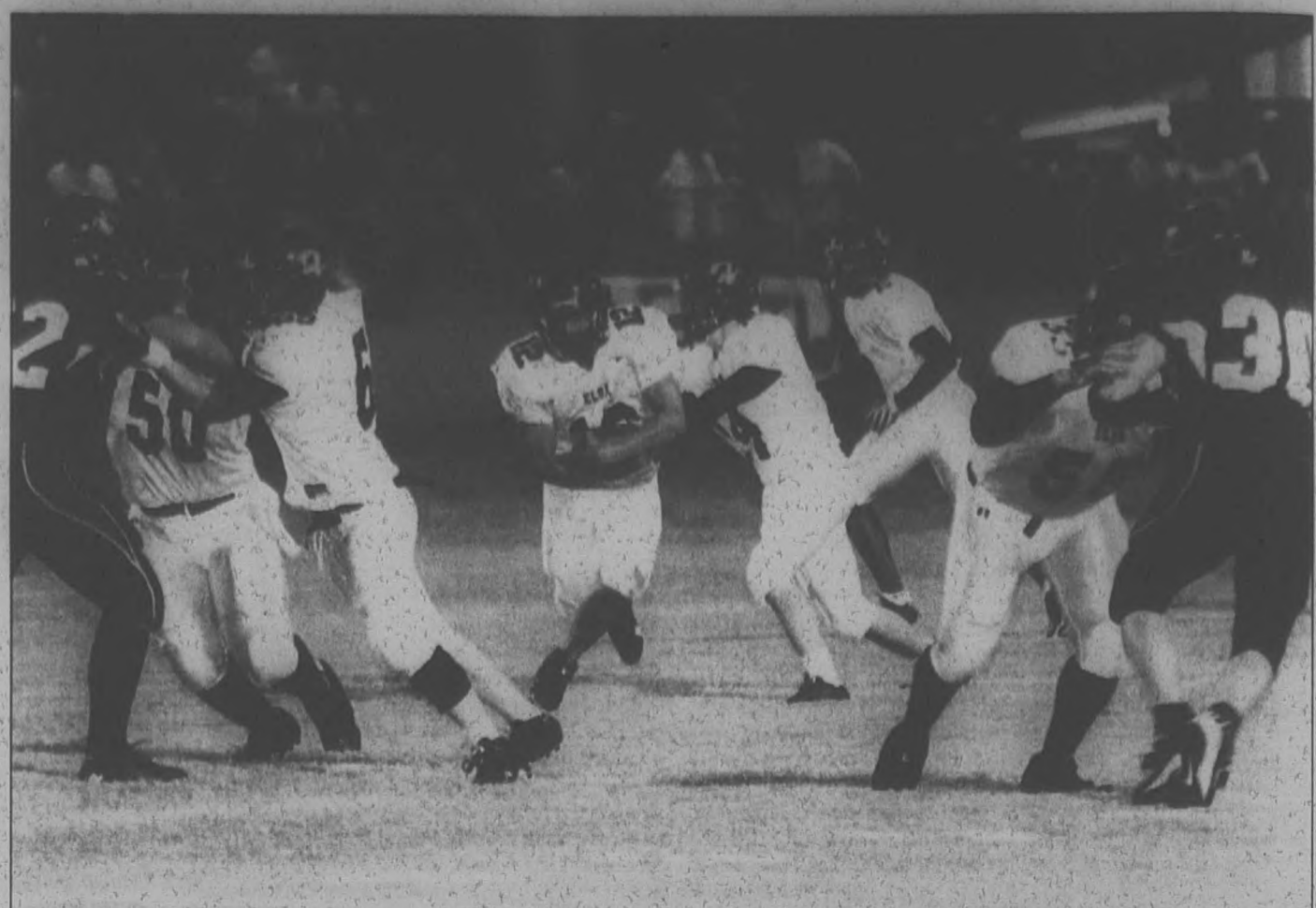
Elba threatened to score on its next possession and reached a first down at the New Brockton 21-yardline, but was hit with two holding penalties and could not overcome the flags as the Tigers turned the ball over on downs.

New Brockton intercepted an Elba pass late in the half and drove 65 yards in 10 plays to add to its lead. The running of Tevin McNair and the passing of Hunter Cauley to Seth Culverhouse highlighted the drive, and the Gamecocks actually had to score twice on the final play of the half to extend its advantage. The first touchdown came on a

33-yard hailback pass from McNair as the horn sounded, but a penalty for holding during the run moved the ball back the Elba 28 and gave the Gamecocks another chance to get into the endzone. The penalty made no difference to New Brockton as on the next play Hunter Cauley connected with Seth Culverhouse in the endzone with a 28-yard touchdown toss. Kyle Roehler kicked the extra-point and at halftime New Brockton went in with a surprising 17-7 lead.

Both teams missed out on scoring chances early in the second half as Elba failed to convert on a fourth down and New Brockton missed a 40-yard field goal. The Tigers again threatened on their second possession of the half as they rode the running of Carlos Matias and reached a first down at the New Brockton 12-yardline. Three running plays moved the ball to the New Brockton 7, but on fourth down and five a pass missed its target as Elba again came away empty-handed.

Elba got ball back at midfield early in the fourth quarter after a blocked punt by the Tigers' Colton Vaughan, but gave the ball right back on a fumble with 6:55 remaining in the game and New Brockton refused to give the ball back as the Gamecocks ran 13 plays and ran out the clock to preserve the 17-7 win.



Elba Tiger running back Carlos Matias (12) finds a huge hole in the middle of the New Brockton defense as he takes a handoff from quarterback Gunnar McCollough (14). Helping open the hole are Tiger offensive linemen Jordan McBride (55), Xavier Rodgers (50) and Jonathan Farmer (64). Matias gained 171 yards on 23 carries in the Tigers' 17-7 region loss to the Gamecocks.



### STATISTICS

EL	1st Downs	NB
10	1st Downs	17
29-200	Rushes-Yds.	49-195
1	Passing Yds.	49
201	Total Offense	244
146-1	Passes	46-0
52	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
0-00	Punts-Ave.	3-37
75	Penalties-Yds.	6-40



Elba Marching Tiger majorette Shelby Brunson was all smiles Friday night as the band received an ovation following their halftime performance at the Elba - New Brockton football game.

Elba Tiger defenders Jonathan Farmer (64) and Trey Belcher (24) combine to make the stop on a Gamecock runner in last week's region clash between the Tigers and the Gamecocks.

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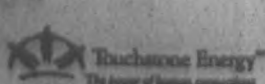
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# SPORTS

## Zion Chapel Rebels are ambushed by Reeltown Rebels 43-0 in region clash

Statistics by Chris Winters  
Photos by Matt Winters

The Reeltown Rebels invaded Green Memorial Stadium Friday night and took charge from the opening whistle in a 43-0 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on its initial offensive series of the night, but Reeltown came out ready to roll and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as it drove 52 yards to reach paydirt. A 27-yard pass completion from Anarius White to Willie McKenzie on the first play of the possession moved Reeltown to the Zion Chapel 25, while six plays later White kept an option and rambled in from 7 yards out for the touchdown. The two-point conversion was successful and with 6:24 remaining in the first quarter Reeltown was on its way with an early 8-0 lead.

Zion Chapel's Wesley Black intercepted a pass at the 8-yardline to turn back a Reeltown scoring threat late in the quarter, but Reeltown got the ball right back at the Zion Chapel 23-yardline following a 32-yard punt return and this time took advantage of the excellent field-position to extend its lead. The scoring drive took five plays, while the extra-point by Joshua Newman was true and gave Reeltown a 15-0 lead.

Zion Chapel showed signs of life on its ensuing possession as Justin Winters returned the kickoff to its 30-yardline. The hometown Rebels rode the legs of Garrett Stinson to a first down at the Reeltown 39, but a drive stalled and on fourth down a fake punt failed to gain the needed yardage as the scoring opportunity went by the board.

Reeltown needed only one play to add to its lead as on first down Anarius White dropped back and connected with Cala Walker on a slant pattern that went for 64 yards and a touchdown. Newman again added the extra-point as Reeltown's lead grew to 22-0. Reeltown got the ball back on a pass interception late in the half and beat the clock to extend its lead heading into the half. KiShawn Powell gained



LET'S GO REBELS... A Zion Chapel cheerleader keeps the spirit in last week's region loss to Reeltown. This week the Rebels will travel to Uniontown to meet the R.C. Hatch Bobcats.

29 yards on two carries and Willie McKenzie ran for 17 yards to get Reeltown within inches of the endzone, while the score came on a short drive by Juntavious McKeithen with only 36-seconds remaining on the clock. Newman added the extra-point, and at halftime Reeltown owned a big 29-0 lead.

Reeltown started the second half the same way it had finished the first half as White returned the kickoff to the 38 and the visiting Rebels used four different running backs to drive 62 yards to the Zion Chapel endzone. Carlton Turner scored the touchdown and Newman kicked the extra-point as the Reeltown lead grew to 36-0 with 9:17 remaining in the third quarter.

Reeltown began its next possession near midfield and once again wasted little time reaching the endzone. A 22-yard pass from Jacob Cohn to Milton Chambliss was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a sneak by

Cohn from a yard out. Nic Chafin booted the extra-point as Reeltown's lead went to 43-0.

Zion Chapel put together an 18-play drive on its ensuing possession and reached the Reeltown 7-yardline. However, the drive ended with a fourth down play and Reeltown simply ran out the clock to preserve the 43-0 region win.

Wesley Black gained 44 yards on 14 carries and Garrett Stinson added 32 yards on 19 carries to lead Zion Chapel, while KiShawn Powell led 14 Reeltown runners with 58 yards on 5 carries.

### STATISTICS

ZC	1st Downs	R
41-80	Rushes-Yds.	38-201
15	Passing Yds.	119
95	Total Offense	320
2-7-1	Passes	4-7-1
2/0	Fumbles Lost	1/0
1-5	Penalties-Yds.	2-20
3-32	Punts-Ave.	0-00

## Zion Chapel wins Pea River Valley title

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels bounced back from their first loss of the season on September 27 to claim the championship at the Pea River Valley Conference tournament held at Samson High School.

The Lady Rebels tipped off tournament action with scores of 25-12, 21-25 and 15-13.

Kelli Behrens had 2 aces, 32 kills and 3 digs to lead the Lady Rebels, while Heather Hines added 6 aces, 4 kills and 12 digs; Janie Hall added 4 aces, 2 kills, 8 digs and 1 assist; Nicole Holloway added 1 ace, 16 kills and 2 digs; Cheyenne Nelson added 5 aces, 17 kills and 5 digs; and Ciara Smith added 2 aces, 1 kill and 46 assists.

There is no charge to attend this course. There is no charge for the certification exam. Participants must be age 10 years, old or older to attend the class and receive certification. Participants will need to bring their social security card with them on the first night of class.

For more information or to register, please contact Cindy Green on the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-5344 or cgreen@lbwcc.edu

## Hunter Ed course set for LBW on Nov. 3-6

The Alabama Hunter Education Program will be offered by the Alabama Conservation Department's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division on the LBW Community College MacArthur Campus, November 3, 4, 5, and 6. This four-day course will be held in the Conference Center Building from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each night.

The goal of the Hunter Education Program is to make Alabama hunters more responsible and more knowl-

edgeable about wildlife conservation.

The Hunter Education Course is a minimum of 10 hours of instruction plus a written examination. Students will be given a written exam to test for certification on the last night of class. The course includes but is not limited to firearm safety and handling, responsible hunting and hunter ethics, wildlife law, wildlife management and identification, archery, muzzle loading, first aid, survival, and game care.

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## Brantley and New Brockton both face key region tests this week on the road

The high school football season will kick off its seventh week Friday night and for area teams it means a return to region wars as teams begin to peek ahead to the upcoming playoffs.

Here is a preview of this week's area matchups:

### Brantley (6-0) at McKenzie (6-0)

Two of the state's "Top 10" 1A football powers will tangle Friday night in McKenzie when the #2 Brantley Bulldogs invade Butler County to meet the #8 McKenzie Tigers. This will mark the 36th time the two 1A rivals have met on the gridiron, with Brantley holding a 24-11 advantage in the series and having won the last seven games. Brantley has averaged 46 points a game this season and allowed only 8 points a game in rolling past all six opponents, while McKenzie has scored at a 37-point per game clip and given up 19 points a game. The Tigers' wins have come over Excel 34-29, Florala 54-7, Arton 42-28, Pleasant Home 35-7, J.U. Blacksher 33-21 and Geneva County 25-21. This match-up is the biggest game of the season in the 1A ranks, and all eyes will be on the game to see if the Bulldogs will continue their dominance in region play and chalk up their 47th straight region win.

### New Brockton (3-3) at Barbour County (4-2)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Clayton Friday night for a key region clash against the surprising Barbour County Jaguars. New Brockton upped its region record to 2-2 last week with a win over Elba, but still needs to win two of its remaining three games to insure itself a spot in the 2A playoffs for the first time since 2002. Barbour County has won four games for the first time in school history this season and will enter the game Friday night knowing a win will wrap up a playoff berth. The Jaguars have posted wins over Stewart-Quinn 18-6, Samson 12-6, Houston County 14-0 and G.W. Long 16-14, while losing to Elba 48-13 and Dale County 33-21. Both teams will be looking to give their playoff hopes a boost Friday night and it should be a true battle.

### Zion Chapel (1-9) at R.C. Hatch (3-3)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be hunting their first region win of the season Friday night when they travel to Uniontown to meet the R.C. Hatch Bobcats. The Rebels slipped to 0-4 in region play last week with a 43-0 setback to Reeltown and

have only an outside shot at making the post-season, but can play the role of spoiler in the next three weeks against region foes. R.C. Hatch has enjoyed its winningest season ever and will enter the game with a 3-3 record. 2-2 in region play. The Bobcats have defeated Livingston 22-14, Francis Marion 28-20 and Highland Home 20-6, while losing to St. Jude 55-14, Lamar County 54-14 and Goshen 44-14. R.C. Hatch will be playing to keep its playoff hopes alive, while Zion Chapel will be playing for pride. This should be a battle for all four quarters.

### Kinston (0-6) at Pleasant Home (2-4)

Two teams looking for their first region win of the season will battle Friday night at Pleasant Home when the Kinston Bulldogs take the field to challenge the Pleasant Home Eagles. The two 1A rivals have met nine times on the gridiron and are tied with four wins apiece. Kinston will carry a 21-game losing streak into the game and must find a defense if the Bulldogs are to have any chance to carry home a win. The Bulldogs have allowed an average of over 56 points a game, while scoring a total of 50 points all season. Pleasant Home is 2-0 outside the region with wins over Samson 21-20 and Rocky Bayou 37-0, but stands 0-4 against region opponents with losses to Arton 40-8, Geneva County 27-7, McKenzie 35-7 and Brantley 56-7. While there is no doubt the Eagles will be big home field favorites, this game could be one to keep an eye on since both will be hungry to get that elusive first region win.

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# SPORTS

## In easy 56-7 region win Brantley Bulldogs make life anything but pleasant

Story and pictures by Greg Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their dominance of Region 2 opponents Friday night as they raced out to a 49-0 half-time lead and ran past the Pleasant Home Eagles 56-7 to claim their sixth win of the season.

It didn't take long for the Bulldogs to dent the scoreboard as Anthony Gulley took the opening kickoff and went 65 yards up the right sidelines for a touchdown. Britt Barnes booted the extra-point and with only 14-seconds gone off the clock the Bulldogs were already on top 7-0.

Brantley began its next offensive series at its own 20-yardline after a Pleasant Home punt and again scored quickly. Anthony Gulley cracked off a 29-yard run to move the ball to the Eagle 29, and two plays later Chase Hall connected with Gulley on a 16-yard scoring pass. Barnes drilled the extra-point and with 6:46 remaining in the quarter Brantley's lead was up to 14-0.

Brantley got the ball right back at the Pleasant Home 41-yardline on a fumble recovery by Anthony Gulley, and from there the Bulldogs put together a five play drive that was capped off by a 16-yard touchdown run by Stephen Walker. Barnes again added the extra-point and with 3:04 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were on top 21-0.

The next Brantley possession started at the Pleasant Home 39-yardline when the defense stuffed the Eagles on a fake punt. This time it took nine plays to reach the endzone, with the touchdown coming on a 15-yard run by Anthony Gulley on an inside handoff. The extra-point try hit the upright and fell short, but with 7:57 left in the second quarter the Bulldogs owned a 27-0 lead.

The Brantley defense recorded the next points of the night when it forced Eagle quarterback Kimo King to intentionally ground a pass from his own endzone. The resulting safety came with 5:12 remaining in the quarter.

**In homecoming clash**  
**Bulldogs bulldozed by Purple Cats 62-0**

Statistics and photos by Wesley Hunko

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Arion Purple Cats Friday night and never had a chance to change shoulders to match up with the dominant eye. This suggestion is often not received well, especially with older shooters, but it is much easier to adapt to than it appears.

My son, Benji, was a decent marksman when he first started shooting (right handed) with a BB gun and 22 rifle, but I knew something was wrong when we started shooting clay targets. The problem was cross-dominance. He was right handed with a dominant left eye. I persuaded him to try shooting left handed and his shooting score improved considerably after shooting left handed became second nature.

Shooters who have cross-dominance but feel they just cannot switch shoulders can place a patch or small strip of tape on the glasses of the dominant eye so that it blots out the target, forcing the other eye to take over and temporarily become the dominant eye.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to not have a cross-dominant problem can create a simple scenario to simulate the problem. If you are right eyed/right handed mount your shotgun and close your right eye. The problem is instantly obvious.

If you have a friend who is shooting poorly, ask them if they know which eye is dominant. You just may help them improve their shooting skill.

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Brantley's Jared Hall (52) and Stephen Walker (4) combine to knock the football loose from a Pleasant Home runner in last week's 56-7 win over the Eagles. Closing in for the recovery are Bulldog teammates Cameron Wright (8) and Austin Mitchell (77).

ing in the second quarter and upped Brantley's lead to 29-0. A good return on the ensuing free kick by Brantley's Cassius Tillis set the Bulldogs up at the Pleasant Home 29-yardline, and Brantley took advantage of the excellent field-position to add to its lead. Devontae Porter gained 14 yards on first down to move the Bulldogs to the Eagle 15, and after two runs moved the ball to the nine, Chase Hall lofted a pass to Tory Upshaw in the corner of the endzone for a touchdown. Britt Barnes added the extra-point and with 3:47 remaining in the half Brantley was on top 36-0.

Brantley's Austin Mitchell recovered an Eagle fumble at midfield to bring the Bulldogs offense back on the field and this time it took only one play to get back into the endzone as on the first play Chase Hall spotted Tory Upshaw running behind the Pleasant Home defense and lofted a 50-yard touchdown pass. Britt Barnes again nailed the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead went to 43-0 with 3:13 left in the quarter.

Brantley's Nieko Carpenter alerted recovered a short kick at the Pleasant Home 44-yardline on the ensuing kickoff and in three plays the Bulldogs were right back in the endzone. The touchdown came on a 6-yard run by Devontae Porter, and while the extra-point try failed it made little difference as with 1:45 remaining in the half Brantley owned a whopping 49-0 advantage.

The second half opened with more of the same for Brantley as the Bulldogs' Anthony Gulley fielded a punt at the Brantley 30-yardline and raced 70 yards for his fourth touchdown of the game. Britt Barnes converted his sixth extra-point of the night and with 8:35 remaining in the third quarter Brantley's lead was up to 56-0.

Brantley's Adam Hill intercepted an Eagle aerial at midfield on the game's next offensive series, while an exchange of punts followed the next two possessions. Pleasant Home finally got on the scoreboard with 6:53 remaining in the fourth quarter when Frank Senn broke loose down the sidelines and raced 90 yards for a touchdown. C.J. Langley added the extra-point to end the scoring with Brantley on top 56-7.

The Brantley defense turned behind the play of Jared Hall, Anthony Gulley, Britt Barnes, Freeman Walker, Jamie Burnett and Tory Upshaw. On offense, Anthony Gulley had another big night with 216 all-purpose yards and 4 touchdowns. Stephen Walker gained 52 yards rushing and scored 1 touchdown and Devontae Porter rushed for 48 yards and also scored once.

**STATISTICS**

	B	PL
1st Downs	16	8
Rushes-Yds.	32-202	31-176
Passing Yds.	124	62
Total Offense	326	238
Passes	5-10-0	7-9-1
Return Yds.	150	120
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Penalties-Yds.	5-35	9-66
Punts-Ave.	3-37	3-34

What's your name? Alysia Durham

What subjects and grade(s) do you teach at NBHS? Mathematics/Geometry, grades 10-12.

Are you a sponsor of any clubs/organizations here? Sr. Beta.

What's your husband's name? Joshua Durham

Where are you originally from? Niagara Falls, NY

What high school did you attend? Niagara Wheatfield High School

What college(s) did you attend? Niagara County Community College and Buffalo State College

What are your favorite hobbies? Anything outdoors... especially going to the beach

What do you do in order to reach your students? I try to relate to day to day things in my lessons

What do you like best about New Brockton High School? I really enjoy the small size of the school. Everyone is so involved.

What's an interesting thing people may not know about you? I delivered newspapers every morning when I was in High School

What are your most embarrassing moments you've had

QUEEN CRYSTAL BAKER...and her court ruled over last week's festivities at Kinston High School. Pictured above are (l-r) Bethany Hawthorne - Sophomore, Taylor Wilkerson - Freshman, Courtney Parrish - Junior, Homecoming Queen Crystal Baker, Ashton Parker - Senior and Alex Kelley - Senior.

Sanders and Tyler Deal swapped extra-point duties as the Purple Cats blew the game open.

Ariton's Leonard Terry scored on a 15-yard run in the third quarter and Robert Leggett had a 60-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, but Kinston's Ludger Boswell blocked both extra-point attempts, and at the final horn the Purple Cats left with a big 62-0 region win.

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# SCHOOLS

## FROM THE COCKPIT New Brockton High School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

### Karie Striplin wears many hats at New Brockton

by Alyssa Brown

Coach Jim Bob Striplin and his wife, Karie, are both new to NBHS.

Mrs. Striplin is a woman of many hats. She teaches 9th and 11th grade English, she is the Head Volleyball Coach, the JV Cheerleading sponsor, Jr. Class sponsor, a mother, and a coach's wife.

Mrs. Striplin is such a busy person, and the students at NBHS would do well to follow her example. Recently, she discussed how she handles all of her roles.

Q: You are a teacher, a mother, a coach, and a coach's wife. How do you balance your time where you are able to spend time with your family, plan for your classes and coach?

A: "Well, over the last ten years I have been involved in extracurricular activities. My organizational skills help me. I make time for everything, everything has its place, but family always comes first."

Q: How do you like it here at New Brockton?

A: "Oh I love it. It's definitely a change from the smaller town that we used to live in. I love that the kids are so outgoing and how helpful the staff is."

Q: What do you think your first year here has been a success so far?

A: "Well, the school board has made it a good first year for me. I have a mentor that is helping me also. As far as the record in volleyball, not really. But even though volleyball is struggling I think it has been an improvement."

Q: What is your favorite thing about your job?

A: "The relationships with the teachers and the outgoing



Karie Striplin

nature of the students."

Q: What is your least favorite thing?

A: "The lack of time for planning."

Q: What is it like being a coach's wife as well as being a coach yourself?

A: "The competitiveness makes us who we are. We back each other one hundred percent. We both want to win. We do what we do because we want to make the kids better."

Q: Where did you go to school?

A: "I went to Dale County High (Midland City). I received a full scholarship to Southern Union. I was an All State Candidate. I was recognized through the state and got to play softball at Auburn University."

Q: When do you have spare time, what do you enjoy doing?

A: "I like crafts, I enjoy playing with my daughter, shopping, and in the summer I like traveling, swimming, reading, and keeping up with the latest celebrity gossip."

Q: What are some challenges you face with all of the roles you have?

A: "Keeping a daily planner, having conflicts between events. For example, yesterday I had a volleyball game and then a JV game right after, I

also had to pick up my daughter. Managing my time is a challenge, but coffee keeps me going!"

Q: What is something interesting about yourself that you would like people to know?

A: "Well, I competed in Miss Alabama in 1999 as a clogger. I have been a dancer all my life. I was Miss Southern Union. I received \$5000 in scholarship money. I broke my leg in the season ending game at Auburn and I have a plate and six screws in my ankle."

As one can see, Mrs. Striplin is an amazing woman, and she's been through a lot. It truly takes a lot of talent to be that organized with so many activities going on.

Mrs. Striplin is an excellent role model for the entire student body at New Brockton.

### NBHS teachers share their pet peeves

by Claire Bailey

Every person has little things that bother them. Some may not like untied shoes while others may not even like people to watch them eat. Some of the worst people who are very strict about their pet peeves are teachers. They have so many things that bother them.

Mr. Glass - "Laziness."

Mrs. Crosby - "I absolutely hate it when I get to Wal-mart, put my purse, my shopping list, and my son into the cart only to find that it has a bad wheel and rattles so loudly that everyone looks at me when I walk by. Is a working cart to much to ask for?"

Mrs. Hamilton - "The telephone."

Mr. Aguilar - "People who don't try or give it their all."

Miss Barnhill - "Talking over me."

Mrs. Campbell - "People who do not follow through with their work."

Couch Caruthers - "CAN'T!"

Mrs. Cavanaugh - "When students don't ever do their work and then wonder why they are failing."

Couch Kinsaul - "When the fish don't bite."



Senior English teacher Debbie Wilkins says, "I have several pet peeves; however, the biggest one is people taking, marring, or destroying something that does not belong to them."

Coach Clark - "Dishonesty, lippin' lying people."

Ms. Cotney - "Bullies."

Coach Crosby - "Punctuality and unorganization."

Mrs. Durham - "Talking on desks."

Ms. Gutner - "People sitting on desks."

Ms. Hawkins - "Long socks with shorts."

Coach Kinsaul - "When the fish don't bite."

Coach Lamb - "Lying."

Mrs. Oakes - "Unorganization."

Coach Patmah - "People not doing their homework."

Mrs. Rigney - "When a student asks a question I just answered."

Coach Smith - "Dishonesty."

Mrs. Smith - "Saying 'I can't' without even trying."

Mr. Speigner - "Students who don't care about school."

Coach Striplin - "People not living up to their potential."

Mrs. Striplin - "Disrespecting adults, no matter what age."

Mrs. Taylor - "My pet peeve is students who are in my class and who would rather not be in school at all. They are usually disruptive and prevent the students who want to learn from getting the attention they deserve."

Ms. Whitt - "Name calling."

Ms. Wilkins - "I have several pet peeves; however, the biggest one is people taking, marring, or destroying something that does not belong to them."

Mrs. Wyrosdick - "Can't."

Coach Zorn - "When students say 'I didn't do it'."

### You know you go to NBHS when...

by Adina Smith

You hear, "Remember the time Pynes..."

Your secretary stops you in the hall just to see how your day is going.

You walk outside into a sea of camouflage.

Everyone knows what you drive.

There is always more gossip to go around.

You refer to Mrs. Wilkins as Wilkie Baby or Debbie Dikens. You've been run over by Josh at least once.

You see this guy named Billy Wayne all the time...

You can use the words "ghetto" and "redneck" in the same sentence.

Your school mascot is a male chicken.

You can answer yes to the question, "Are you a Gamecock?"

You have the song "What it is" by TyeWerk almost memorized.

### Students of the Month - August



Students of the Month for August included (left to right): Kaley Moore - 7th, Emily Anderson - 8th, Claire Bailey - 9th, Justin Farris - 11th, Steven Smith - 10th, and Anna Beth Sawyer - 12th. Also pictured is Gary Glass, principal.

### Top 10 annoying questions heard in a day

by Missy Osborn

Can you keep this a secret?

Can I have a pencil?

Do you have your homework?

Can we not do work/take the test today?

Does this count for a grade?

What are you eating?

When's lunch?

What period is it?

Are we taking notes?

Don't you ever get tired of stupid questions? Sometimes they make you laugh, and sometimes that make you want to hand that person their stupid sign. Honestly I hear plenty of stupid questions in one day, so I decided to compile a list.

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# SCHOOLS

## Softball tryouts set for later this month

Any girl in grades 7-12 interested in trying out for the softball team should sign up to try out and pick up a consent form from Coach White. Tryouts will be Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 20-21.



## Tiger Tales

News from  
Elba City Schools

## "Tailgating with Tigers" planned as part of Homecoming festivities

by LanChessica Cross

Elba High School will celebrate Homecoming this year on Friday, Oct. 17.

The Tigers have many festivities planned to encourage school spirit and get the community involved before the culminating event—the Friday night football game against the Samson Tigers.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, at 5:30 p.m., the cheerleaders will host a community-wide "Tailgate with the Tigers." The community is encouraged to join the cheerleaders, band and football players in the parking lot on the side of the high school building (career tech side). During this time everyone can meet and

greet the Elba Tigers. During the tailgate, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase, and the cheerleaders will sell baked goods as well. Gold felt "Elba Tiger" pennants will be available. Attendees can even have the football players, cheerleaders and band members sign their pennant as a keepsake.

At 6:45 p.m., the football players will line up for Tiger Walk. The team is looking forward to an incredible crowd to cheer them on to the bonfire, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Fans and supporters are encouraged to come join the Tigers as they begin some new traditions and continue the old ones to rally the team to another

Homecoming victory!

**THEMES FOR HOMECOMING WEEK:**  
Monday: No School (Fall Break)  
Tuesday: No School (Fall Break)  
Wednesday: "Tie up the Tigers" wear ties  
Thursday: "Track Down the Tigers" wear camouflage  
Friday: "Black and Gold Day" wear your Elba Tiger colors

## Teacher Spotlight

by LanChessica Cross

This week the teacher spotlight shines on Elba High School's newest English teacher, Kira Ledbetter Aaron. Along with teaching 7th, 9th and 10th grade English at EHS, Mrs. Aaron is the sponsor for the "Tiger Tales" and Tiger Times.

She attended Dadeville High School in Dadeville, Ala., and Auburn University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in secondary English education. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree at Troy University in Troy. She also advises the Troy University chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority.

Before coming to Elba, Mrs. Aaron taught 7th grade English at Wacochee Junior High School in Lee County.

Since both of her parents were teachers, Mrs. Aaron grew up with a love of learning and teaching. She said she loves Elba's small-town atmosphere in which everybody knows everybody, parents care about their children's education, and school spirit and community involvement are

## One Elba High School class puts AMSTI lesson to use

by Richi Singletary

This summer, the teachers of the math department at Elba High School attended training to prepare themselves to teach math in a new way.

The new program, Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI), involves hands-on learning projects. Last week Yvette Akridge's honors pre-algebra class put an AMSTI lesson to use.

The class learned how to find an unknown value of similar figures using proportions.

The photo (to the right) shows the class while trying to find the height of the flagpole in front of the school. First, they had to measure a student's height in their group. Next, they measured the same person's

shadow. Lastly, they measured the shadow the flagpole cast.

The students took the collected data and set up a proportion to solve for the height of the flagpole.

The class enjoyed the hands-on learning as well as having

the opportunity to go outside to learn. All Elba students will participate in AMSTI classes this year.

FBLA members plan upcoming community-involved projects

by Kiera Robertson

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a national organization for students currently enrolled in at least one high school business course.

The FBLA National Organization is composed of all local and state chapters and each individual FBLA member. A headquarters office is maintained in Reston, Va. The FBLA Board of Directors established FBLA policies in line with the vocational needs of business and office education students.

The local student organization operates as an integral part of the school's occupational business program under the guidance of business teachers, school administrators, businesspersons and the Alabama State Department of Education.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, the officers attended the 2008 Joint Leadership Development Conference in Montgomery along

## "See You at the Pole" programs held at Elba City Schools

by Kiera Robertson

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, Elba City Schools held its annual "See You at the Pole" program. The event is hosted the fourth Wednesday in September each year. It is an early-morning gathering of students, teachers and community members in front of the local school flagpole for prayer, scripture reading and singing.

The event was first started in 1990 by a group of students in Texas who saw the need to pray for their schools and community. Ever since that day, it has become a National Day of Prayer in which over 20 different countries take part. In 2005, over two million students in the U.S. participated.

This year Elba City Schools held programs at the flag poles in front of both the high school

and the elementary school. The program at EHS began at 7:15 a.m., and Jordan McBride opened the event with a welcome. Maiese Thomas sang a song, and Chip Curtis read a passage of scripture. Jordan McBride also led the closing prayer.

At the elementary school, the program began around 12:30 p.m. Students and local pastors attended the program. Tiffany Bynum opened the program with a prayer. The EES meeting lasted about 15 minutes. Overall, students and faculty at both schools seem to think the programs went well and were worthwhile. While many people in the community and the schools regularly pray for the students and faculty in Elba, having a day set aside for special recognition is something the schools truly appreciate.

## Elba City Schools receive grant for 21st Century Community Learning Center

Elba City Schools is the recipient of a \$175,000 grant to begin a 21st Century Community Learning Center. The grant will continue over the next three years and is part of the No Child Left Behind "Parental Involvement" clause.

Kesha Brackins, Gina Price and Millie McCollough at Elba Elementary School worked diligently on the application for this grant over the summer and are truly excited to have been chosen to be a recipient of such a large amount of money for such an influential program.

The program is set to begin the first of November and will be conducted from 3:15-5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, Nov. 3. The after-school activities will include about 45 minutes of help with class work, during which students will be tutored by ECS teachers and student aides. A snack will be provided for students in attendance.

The program will contain an extracurricular component. Some of the planned activities are skating and skateboarding, tennis, cheer/gymnastics, Scouts, cooking, art, and music, among others.

Students will also have access to a computer lab in which they will publish a newsletter. The main drive of the extracurricular portion of the program is to expose students to fine arts, hobbies and ideas that are not otherwise available in the school setting.

Students in Kindergarten through eighth grade are encouraged to attend. Teachers look forward to having about 70 students sign up, but any interested student must turn in an application to be considered eligible.

The program is open to students of all interests and academic performance levels. All Elba's schools are fortunate to be able to offer this program to their students, and the program coordinators look forward to getting started in just a few weeks.

## FBLA members plan upcoming community-involved projects

by Kiera Robertson

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a national organization for students currently enrolled in at least one high school business course.

The FBLA National Organization is composed of all local and state chapters and each individual FBLA member. A headquarters office is maintained in Reston, Va. The FBLA Board of Directors established FBLA policies in line with the vocational needs of business and office education students.

The local student organization operates as an integral part of the school's occupational business program under the guidance of business teachers, school administrators, businesspersons and the Alabama State Department of Education.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, the officers attended the 2008 Joint Leadership Development Conference in Montgomery along

with officers from other career tech clubs at EHS. They celebrated the day meeting students from around the state and participating in workshops aimed at increasing leadership skills.

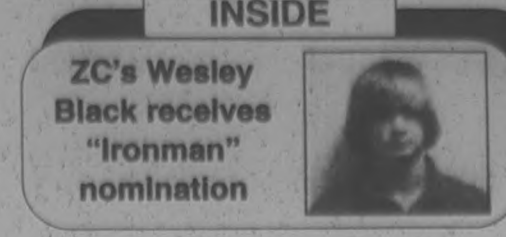
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## Missing Elba man returns home

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba businessman Pete Cash, who was reported missing on July 28<sup>th</sup> and reported seen in Mississippi on August 4<sup>th</sup>, has returned to Elba this week according to Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey.

Hanchey said Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 14, that he had spoken with police in Tucson, Arizona and with Mr. Cash's wife earlier in the day, and both reported he was in Elba.

The Tucson police notified the Elba Police Department on Sunday, Oct. 12, that they had spotted the 1998 Chevrolet S10 Cash reportedly purchased in Vicksburg, Mississippi on the same day he was last seen in Elba. It was spotted at a Tucson motel.

The Arizona officers relayed to the Elba department that they followed up and found that Cash had been at the motel for several weeks and was working at a small Tucson manufacturing firm under the assumed name "Adam Walsh." The Arizona officials reported Cash was also riding a 2005 model motorcycle.

NCIC records show that motorcycle was still officially registered to a woman in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Elba officers explained to the Arizona officers on Sunday that there are no outstanding warrants for Cash.

On Tuesday, the investigating officers in Tucson again called Elba and told local officers of receiving a phone call in Elba. Hanchey placed a call to the Cash family. It was confirmed that he is indeed back in Elba, and the family is "overjoyed."

Hanchey said he arrived back in Elba either Monday evening or early Tuesday morning.

Chief Hanchey said as far as the local police are concerned "that is it."

"We have no warrants nor any apparent reason to investigate this matter any further," the police chief said.

## Elba City Council adopts FY2009 budget

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council adopted a budget for the next fiscal year at their regular meeting, Monday, October 13th.

The document contains some very optimistic numbers, considering the nationwide economy, but Elba officials are confident they have a workable budget. During a recent workshop on the budget council members anguished over needs they felt were important but could find no money to fund these needs without cutting existing services or adding additional taxes in a time of a down economy.

Total projected revenue in the new budget is \$3,402,850. This compares to \$3,320,550 in the budget for this year. That is an increase of \$82,300 for the coming year.

Level income revenue levels are projected in sales taxes, gasoline taxes, property taxes and garbage fees. Business licenses, police fines, sewer fees, distributions from the SE Ala Gas District, TVA, Cable TV

franchise are all expected to show some revenue increase. Income from state and federal grants are also included in annual budgets and are expected to remain level during the coming year. This last number is an educated guess at best.

During the current year Elba has already received \$135,000 more in grants than was projected in budget for the year.

On the expense side, the new budget shows increases in administrative expenditures, police department, street department, sanitation department (garbage pick up), recreation department and debt retirement. Decreases are shown in appropriations (only dropping \$650) and in capital projects.

The appropriations are county emergency management payments, library funding, rescue squad, senior citizens center, mental health, chamber of commerce, etc. Capital projects are things such as street paving.

All the finalists will be recognized during the SSA Fall Conference, Hoover, Ala., later this month. The Superintendent

of the Year finalists include: Dr. Vic Adkison, Thomasville City School Superintendent; Luke Haskins, Marietta City School Superintendent; Dr. Linda Ingram, Coffee County School Superintendent; Dr. Leonard Riley, Chambers County School Superintendent; and Dr. Suzanne Freeman, Trussville City School Superintendent.

Statewide judging of Alabama's nine finalists will take place later this month, and the Alabama/Classworks 2009 Superintendent of the Year will be announced the first week in November.

The Alabama/Classworks Superintendent of the Year

Coffee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram among finalists

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## In celebration of Homecoming 2008 Elba supporters encouraged to "Tailgate with the Tigers"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When it comes to Homecoming, every school creates its own traditions. Some are as old as the school itself while others are new traditions started by the students of today.

This week Elba celebrates Homecoming, and to mark the occasion, the Elba High School cheerleaders are planning to mix a little new with the old during one of the community's long-lived Homecoming week traditions.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 16, the cheerleaders will sponsor "Tailgate with the Tigers" in the career tech parking at Elba High School. The event is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. and will offer the community a chance to "come out and meet the Tigers."

"At the first of the (school) year, the cheerleaders decided they wanted to do more community-involved activities," said Lisa Riels, EHS cheerleader sponsor. "We want to bring back the pride and interest."

She said the cheerleaders hope the "Tailgate with the Tigers" event will bring the school and community together and create more interest as students, parents and supporters mingle with football team, band and cheerleaders.

During "Tailgate with the Tigers," Riels said hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available. Also, she said there will be Elba Tiger pennants available for children in which they can get signed by the Tigers during the event.

According to Riels, this will be a great opportunity for the people of Elba to come out and meet the football players, band members and cheerleaders. It also will allow fans to "put a face behind those numbers" as they are able to talk one-on-one with the players.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the area will transform into a "carnival-like atmosphere" as fun games will be sponsored. Riels said the Student Council will sponsor several free of charge games, and anyone can participate. She added that other school clubs and organizations also may have booths set up during this time.

At 6:45 p.m., everyone will join together to line-up from the career tech parking lot to the bonfire area for the "Tiger Walk." During this walk, Elba Tiger supporters will cheer the football team as they make their way to the annual Homecoming bonfire.

The bonfire, one of those long-lived Homecoming traditions at Elba, is set to begin at 7 p.m.

Riels said "Tailgate with the Tigers" is a new tradition the cheerleaders are trying to start in Elba, and they are really excited



The Elba High School varsity cheerleaders encourage all Elba Tiger fans and supporters to come out Thursday evening (TONIGHT), Oct. 16, and participate in Homecoming festivities. The cheerleaders are planning "Tailgate with the Tigers," a new Homecoming event. It will precede the annual Homecoming bonfire to be held later in the evening. The cheerleaders hope "Tailgate with the Tigers" will become a new tradition for the Elba community. Elba's varsity cheerleaders include: (front, left to right) Gabby Pope, April Finadore, Kayla Riels, Cortlin Lee, Ashley Bailey and Molly McGuire; (back, left to right) Maiese Thomas, Kyns Coleman, Emily Miller, Cortnee Driggers, Bethany Wilson, Brittany Whitehead and Taylor Creel.

She said the whole idea behind the event has been to provide a fun-filled night for all who consider themselves to be an Elba Tiger.

Riels said the cheerleaders strongly encourage the community to come out Thursday night for "Tailgate with the Tigers" and, of course, the bonfire!

Homecoming Day (Friday, Oct. 17) will include several more traditions including the Coronation, Parade, Tea for the Honored Class and Homecoming game.

## For Alabama/Classworks 2009 Superintendent of the Year Coffee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram among finalists

The Alabama/Classworks Superintendent of the Year

Area Happenings

**THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** continues Friday, Oct. 17, with the Elba Tigers hosting Samson, the New Brockton Gamecocks traveling to Houston County, the Zion Chapel Rebels hosting Francis Marion, the Kinston Bulldogs hosting McKenzie and the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Geneva County. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

**THE SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD** will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16 (TODAY), at 2 p.m. at the Main Center located at 19815 Bay Branch Road, Andalusia, Ala.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOME-COMING** Friday, Oct. 17. Festivities will begin with the Coronation at 9:45 a.m. in the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1978 with a tea at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. Lineup for the parade will begin at 1:30 with the parade beginning promptly at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Samson at 7 p.m.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOST A PARENT VISITATION NIGHT** Monday, Oct. 20, from 3:30 until 6:30 p.m. Parents will pick up student report cards from first block teachers. All teachers will be available to visit with parents.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINICS** will be held Friday, Oct. 24, and Friday, Oct. 31, at the Enterprise Recreation Center, located at 421 E. Lee Street (behind Cuts Restaurant), from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will also be a clinic held Friday, Nov. 7, at the Coffee County Health Department, 2841 Neal Metcalf Rd., Enterprise, Ala., from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Anyone attending the clinics is asked to bring their Medicare card, State Employees Insurance Card, ACTIVE Medicaid Card (full coverage only), or there will be a small fee. For more information call 347-9574.

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